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1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND LAID OUT THE MAIN LINES OF NORWEGIAN POLICY FOR THE NORTHERN REGION IN A FORTHRIGHT SPEECH TO OSLO LABOR PARTY COUNCIL SEPT 12. REFERRING TO SEVERAL SERIOUS INCIDENTS IN THE NORTH INVOLVING THE SOVIETS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER INSISTED THAT PEACE, LOWERING OF TENSION AND RESPECT BY THE SOVIETS FOR NORWEGIAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AREA WERE VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF NORWAY AND THE USSR AND NECESSARY FOR PROGRESS IN BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NORWAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED, NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF ITS ALLIES IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE USSR, BUT THE FORTUNES OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS NEED NOT IMPEDE NORWEGIAN/SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON NORTHERN
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QUESTIONS. A DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL ON FRYDENLUND'S SPEECH WAS AVERTED AFTER A MOTION SUPPORTING THE FM'S REMARKS BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER EINAR GERHARDSEN.
END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND LAID OUT THE MAIN LINES OF NORWEGIAN NORTHERN POLICY IN A FORTHRIGHT

SPEECH TO THE OSLO LABOR PARTY COUNCIL SEPT 12. FM STRESSED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR NORWAY AND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH REMAIN STABLE AND PEACEFUL. THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT ABOUT NORWAY'S READINESS AND ABILITY TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL INTERESTS IN THE AREA, HE SAID. NORWAY WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN THE NORTH, FRYDENLUND CONTINUED.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORT FROM ITS ALLIES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, AND SAID THAT THE GON HAS KEPT ITS NATO PARTNERS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA. WITHOUT DOWNPLAYING THE IMPORTANCE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS OVERALL, FRYDENLUND INSISTED THAT NORWEGIAN-USSR BILATERAL RELATIONS GO FORTH INDEPENDENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT NORTHERN QUESTIONS.

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4. NORWEGIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE BEEN TROUBLED BY A SERIES OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS OVER THE PAST SUMMER, BUT GON SET FOR ITSELF THE GOAL OF ASSURING THAT THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT LEADING TO INCREASED TENSION OR CONFLICT. AS EXAMPLES OF GON'S APPROACH, HE CITED (A) SOVIET AGREEMENT TO IMPRESS ON CAPTAINS OF SOVIET VESSELS THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE RULES IN NORWEGIAN WATERS

(REF A); (B) THE FIRM BUT CORRECT BEHAVIOR OF USSR IN THE HOPEN PLANE CRASH (REF B); (C) AND THE CLEAR REMINDER TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE HELICOPTER LANDING STRIP AND THE RADAR INSTALLATION AT CAPE HEER SHOWED LACK OF RESPECT FOR NORWEGIAN SOVEREIGNTY ON SVALBARD BY THE USSR (REF B).

5. NORWAY'S SERIOUSNESS AND THE STEADINESS IN DEALING WITH THE USSR ON A HOST OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS HAS STRENGTHENED ITS POSITION IN THE CONTINUING SERIES OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON IMPORTANT NORTHERN ISSUES, FRYDENLUND STATED. SINCE THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES REMAIN FAR APART IN MATTERS LIKE THE BARENTS
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SEA BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE SVALBARD FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE (FPZ), THE FM SAID, NORWAY MUST CONTINUE TO SHOW PATIENCE AND STEADFASTNESS TO REACH AGREEMENT.

6. OSLO DAILY VERDENS GANG REPORTED SEPT 13 THAT A FULL-FLEDGED DEBATE ON GON'S NORTHERN POLICY WAS ONLY NARROWLY AVERTED AT THE PARTY COUNCIL MEETING BY A MOTION OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER EINAR GERHARDSSEN. THE VENERABLE, 81-YEAR-OLD GERHARDSSEN TOLD THE MEETING THAT HE SAW NO PURPOSE IN SUCH A DEBATE AND SAID QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE HERE TONIGHT WITH THE IMPRESSIONS I GOT FROM FRYDENLUND'S REMARKS UNQUOTE. THE FORMER PM'S STATEMENT WAS GREETED WITH FULLSOME APPLAUSE, THE PRESS REPORT SAID. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. THE FULL ACCOUNTING BY THE GON OF NORTHERN POLICY AT THIS POINT BY FM FRYDENLUND WAS NOT ENTIRELY FORTUITOUS, COMING AS IT DID AFTER THE SUMMER'S INCIDENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WERE RESOLVED, AND BEFORE THE FM'S DEPARTURE FOR THE UNGA, OPENING OF PARLIAMENT (OCTOBER 2) AND RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR LATER THIS YEAR. THE SELECTION OF OSLO LABOR PARTY COUNCIL AS THE FORUM FOR THE SPEECH RAISED SOME SPCULATION. THE OSLO PARTY ORGANIZATION, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST, IS ALSO THE LEAST COOPERATIVE WITH THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE TO THE LEFT OF THE MAJORITY OF LABOR.

8. IT IS NOT EXACTLY CLEAR JUST WHAT POINTS IN FRYDENLUND'S SPEECH THE OSLO PARTY COUNCIL WOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO DEBATE. SUSPICION IS THAT THE PURPOSE OF A DEBATE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLELY AN ATTEMPT BY OPPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY LEADERSHIP TO EMBARRASS FRYDENLUND AND THE GON. AT ANY RATE, FORMER
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PM GERHARDSEN'S INTERVENTION NIPPED THE MATTER IN THE
BUD, AND FM FRYDENLUND CARRIED THE DAY FOR THE GOVERN-
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